



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Frazier et al.**

Serial No.: **09/692,341**

Filed: **October 19, 2000**

For: **Method and Apparatus for  
Ensuring Scalable Mastership During  
Initialization of a System Area  
Network**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on **page 2** of this paper.

**Listing of Claims** begins on **page 3** of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on **page 11** of this paper.